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Copies of the publications listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are submitted herewith. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with the next Patent Office communication.

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